# **Newington Parks & Recreation**

# Summer Playgrounds 2013





### **OUR PROGRAM**

is a great opportunity to meet new friends, develop respect, build self-esteem, and participate in activities in a safe and friendly atmosphere.

### **OUR COUNSELORS**

work to provide a positive experience for all participants. Our counselors are individuals who are selected on the basis of their skills and talents, as well as their enthusiasm. We also have an extremely high rate of return, and most of our counselors have been with us for several years.

Approximate Ratios are:

- Grades 1 & 2 1 to 12
- Grades 3 & 4 1 to 15
- Grades 5, 6 & 7 1 to 18

June 24th to August 9th - 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

### **REGISTRATION INFORMATION**

**ELIGIBILITY:** The Summer Playground program is open to children who are

Newington residents or attend Newington public schools and have completed grades 1 through 7. Students who are non-residents and are attending other (non-public) Newington schools and have completed grades 1 through 7 may enroll in the Summer Playground

program for an additional \$20 fee per week.

**DATES:** The program operates from Monday, June 24th through Friday,

August 9th. There is no program on Thursday, July 4th.

**TIME:** Staffed daily, Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.

**PAYMENT:** Payment is due in full at time of registration. Payment in the form of

cash, check, or credit card is accepted. Register by June 5th for additional savings! You must enroll in all desired weeks at the time of

initial registration to take advantage of multiple-week discounts.

**SWIMMING:** Swim instruction and recreational swim at the pool will be available

to all participants and offered at no additional charge.

### PLAYGROUND ASSIGNMENTS

### CHILDREN HAVING COMPLETED GRADES 1 & 2 IN JUNE 2013:

All participants attend the Mortensen Community Center Site

### CHILDREN HAVING COMPLETED GRADES 3 & 4 IN JUNE 2013:

- Ruth Chaffee & John Paterson students attend John Paterson Site
- Anna Reynolds & Elizabeth Green students attend Anna Reynolds Site

### CHILDREN HAVING COMPLETED GRADES 5, 6 & 7 IN JUNE 2013:

- John Wallace students attend John Wallace Site
- Martin Kellogg students attend Martin Kellogg Site

### CONTACT INFORMATION

- Newington Parks & Recreation, 131 Cedar Street, Newington, CT 06111
- The office is open Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.
- Phone: 860-665-8666 Fax: 860-665-8739 Web: www.newingtonct.gov
- Pool & Playground Information Line: 860-665-8766

Register by mail, fax or in person

# Please retain this information throughout the summer for your records -

# **Summer Playgrounds 2013**

# Here are answers to many of the questions you may have about our program:

## MEDICATIONS / ALLERGIES AND / OR SPECIAL NEEDS

If your child has any food allergies, medical concerns or special needs, the following supplemental forms must be completed and submitted to the Parks & Recreation office at least two days prior to the day your child is starting the program:

- Medication Administration Policy / Authorization to Assist Program Participants in Self-Medication
- Allergy Action Plan
- Supplemental Registration Information for Participants with Allergies, Special Needs and/or Disabilities

The Medication Administration Policy / Authorization to Assist Program Participants in Self-Medication as well as the Allergy Action Plan must also be signed by the child's physician. Please note that our staff is not authorized to dispense medications of any kind.

### **BEHAVIOR EXPECTATIONS**

Participants whose behavior interferes with a positive experience for other children may be subject to dismissal. The discipline procedure is as follows:

Stage One: Discussion with parent/guardian regarding behavior. Report is written up.

Stage Two: Child will be sent home for the remainder of the day and will be suspended from the program the following day.

Stage Three: The child will be sent home for the remainder of the day and suspended for one week's time. A referral to the Newington Human Services Department may be made.

Stage Four. Dismissal from the program.

The Parks & Recreation Department may use discretion in the disciplinary process.

### ARRIVAL AND DISMISSAL

Children should be dropped off in the designated area at their site at 8:00 a.m. (no earlier please) and picked up by 4:30 p.m. PLEASE BE PROMPT. A child cannot leave the program early for any reason on a bike or walking unless written permission is granted from the parent or guardian. Children are not allowed to bring guests to the program.

### SIGN IN / SIGN OUT

You will be asked to sign your child in and out daily. Please have a photo ID ready to ensure a quick and easy signout. Take the time to meet and talk to your child's counselor. A child cannot be released to anyone other than those listed on the Registration Form. Any changes must be made in person by the registering parent or guardian (with proper identification) in the Parks & Recreation office.

### WHAT TO BRING

All participants should bring a water bottle, bathing suit, towel, sunscreen, hat, lunch and a snack every day. Be sure to label all of your child's belongings. We are not responsible for lost or stolen items. For safety reasons, all bags are subject to search.

### LUNCH

You must provide your child's lunch and a daily snack. Please include an ice pack. There is no refrigeration available. Also, please send a water bottle. We ask that you **do not send your child with nuts or nut products** of any kind due to the prevalence of allergies.

### (TYPICAL) DAILY SCHEDULE

Following arrival and opening announcements, the day consists of planned activities, swim instruction, sports, games, arts & crafts, lunch and recreational swim.

### **SWIM INSTRUCTION**

Swim instruction and recreational swim are offered to all participants. All children must participate in swim instruction unless a parent or guardian gives written permission otherwise.

### **SPECIAL EVENTS & TRIPS**

Participants enjoy special events, entertainment and trips at the Summer Playground program. Trips are offered using school bus transportation at no additional fee. Events may include cookouts, talent shows, playground olympics, bowling, movies, magicians, special guests, theme weeks and much more!

### **RAINY DAY PROCEDURES**

The Summer Playground program is held rain or shine. We make every attempt to hold the program outdoors in marginal weather. Please dress children for muddy conditions and pack a change of clothes.

### **NOTICES AND FLYERS**

If your child leaves early or will be away from the program for an extended period of time, check with your child's counselor for information about upcoming trips and other events or activities your child may not want to miss. A newsletter is distributed at the end of every week. You may also call the information line for more details.

### STAFF TRAINING

The Newington Parks and Recreation Department requires all staff to attend an extensive Orientation and Training program to prepare them for the needs and demands of the program.

### LATE PICK-UP FEE

An additional fee may be assessed for any participant who is repeatedly picked up late at the end of the day.

### **REFUNDS**

No refunds will be given once you have registered unless participants cannot attend due to illness or injury that prevents participation in the remainder of the Summer Playground program. All refunds must be requested in writing to the Parks & Recreation Department and require a doctor's note.



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### Playground Info Line:

For information on specific playground sites, please call 860-665-8766

### Summer Playgrounds 2013 Registration Form **REGISTRATION INFORMATION** (Please complete all areas of this form) Child's **FIRST** Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_ **LAST** Name: \_\_\_\_\_ *Male / Female* Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Town: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent 1 Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_ Parent 1 Cell: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent 1 Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent 2 Name: Parent 2 Cell: Parent 2 Work Phone: Emergency Contact Information: please provide an additional contact (not residing with you) that we can contact in case a parent/guardian cannot be reached. \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship to Child: \_\_\_\_\_ PICK-UP AUTHORIZATION I hereby authorize the following person(s) to pick up my child from the Newington Parks & Recreation Department's Summer Playground program. If there are any changes in these arrangements, I will give written notice in person (with proper identification) in the Parks & Recreation office. Parent/quardian must be included on this pick-up authorization. Only people listed here are authorized to pick up child. Parent/Guardian Name: (1) Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_ 2. Name: \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_ 4. Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: Please check if applicable: My child is allowed to WALK BIKE to and from the program (3rd through 7th grade only). CURRENT SCHOOL: \_\_\_\_\_ GRADE COMPLETED JUNE 2013: \_\_\_\_ Please check Week 1 Week 2\* Week 3 Week 4 Week 5 Week 6 Week 7 July 1– 5 (no July 4) appropriate box(es) June 24 - 28 July 22 - 26 July 8 - 12 July 15 - 19 July 29-August 2 August 5-9 Grade 1 Mortensen Community Center ID: 9147 ID: 9148 ID: 9149 ID: 9150 ID: 9151 ID: 9152 ID: 9153 Grades 1 & Grade 2 Mortensen Community Center ID: 9158 ID: 9159 ID: 9154 ID: 9155 ID: 9156 ID: 9157 ID: 9160 ()E. Green & Reynolds Attend Anna Reynolds Site ID: 9161 ID: 9164 ID: 9165 ID: 9166 Grades 3 & Chaffee & Paterson Attend John Paterson Site ID: 9168 ID: 9169 ID: 9170 ID: 9171 ID: 9172 ID: 9173 ID: 9174 Martin Kellogg Attend Martin Kellogg Site ID: 9177 ID: 9178 ID: 9180 ID: 9175 ID: 9176 ID: 9179 ID: 9181 Grades 5, John Wallace Attend John Wallace Site ID: 9182 ID: 9186 ID: 9187 ID: 9188 ID: 9183 ID: 9184 ID: 9185 Total Amount Due: <u>CURRENT FEES</u> You must enroll in all desired weeks at the time of initial

You must enroll in all desired weeks at the time of initial registration to take advantage of multiple-week discounts.

Cost for 7 weeks purchased **individually** on or before June 5th: **\$850**; after June 5th: **\$920** 

(No program July 4th)

	By	After
_	June 5	June 5
ALL 7 WEEKS:	\$570	\$600
<b>ANY 4 WEEKS:</b>	\$440	\$460
ANY 1 WEEK:	\$125	\$135
WEEK 2*-	\$100	¢110

Please Circle Payment Method:	Cash	Check	Visa	Mastercard	Discover	
Checks Payable To: Newington Parks & Recreation (131 Cedar Street, Newington, CT 06111)						
Credit Card #					Exp. Date	_/
Security Code #						
Signature for Credit Card Use:				Date	e:	

### ~ Signature(s) required on the back of this form ~

Please Note: The person(s) signing this form is/are the only person(s) authorized to make changes on this registration form. All changes must be made in the Parks & Recreation Office. Changes cannot be made at individual playground sites.

### Terms and Conditions of Registration

Incomplete forms will not be accepted. My son/daughter has permission to participate in the Newington Parks & Recreation Summer Playground program. I hereby agree to release, discharge and hold harmless, the Town of Newington, its employees, contracted instructors and volunteers from any liabilities which may occur while participating in the Summer Playground program, including field trips. I understand that participation in any recreational activity involves risk. I further understand that the Town of Newington does not provide accident/medical insurance for program participants.

Unless the Summer Playground program is restricted by a written order directed expressly to the Newington Parks & Recreation Department (1) the Summer Playground program staff is hereby authorized to release the child to either parent (or persons authorized by either parent) at any time during the day or arrangements for pick-up of the child have been made in writing in advance with the Parks & Recreation Office even if both parents do not live at the same address, and (2) both parents are permitted to visit the child at the program. Disputes between parents which involve the Summer Playground program in any way must be resolved immediately by the parents. The Newington Parks & Recreation staff shall have the right to terminate enrollment in the Summer Playground program and dismiss the child if issues are not resolved. Should such action be taken, no refund will be made and the person(s) who signs this Registration Form will, nevertheless, be responsible for all amounts due to the Newington Parks & Recreation Department as if the child had not been dismissed unless otherwise noted in writing by the Department. The parent irrevocably authorizes and gives consent to the Newington Parks & Recreation Department's use of the child's name, photograph, portrait or image in connection with the Summer Playground program's brochure, flyers or other promotional or advertising publication. The parent releases the Town of Newington and shall indemnify and hold the Town of Newington harmless from and against any and all claims, liabilities and expenses (including reasonable attorney's fees) arising from such use.

The Summer Playground program staff shall have the right to make all decisions regarding the participant's fitness to participate in particular activities or the entire Summer Playground program. At any time before the Summer Playground program begins, the Summer Playground program staff shall have the right to cancel enrollment if it determines, in its sole judgment; (1) that the physical, mental or emotional condition of the child would prevent him/her from participating safely and satisfactorily in the Summer Playground program or interacting positively with other children at the Summer Playground program or (2) the child's parent(s)/guardian(s) make an unreasonable demand on the Summer Playground program. Once the program has begun, the Summer Playground program staff shall have the right to terminate enrollment and dismiss the child, if it determines in its sole judgment that the child's: (1) behavior proves detrimental to himself/herself, other participants or staff or property, or (2) behavior displays bigotry, bullying or inappropriate sexual acts, or (3) parent(s)/guardian(s) make an unreasonable demand upon the Summer Playground program, or (4) program fee has not been paid in full prior to the start of the program unless prior arrangements have been made with the Department. The Newington Parks & Recreation Department's Refund Policy states: No refunds will be given once you have registered unless participants cannot attend due to illness or injury that prevents participation in the remainder of the Summer Playground program. All refunds must be requested in writing to the Parks & Recreation Department and require a doctor's note.

### Emergency Medical and Surgical Treatment Release

Release: The information contained herein is accurate to the best of my/our knowledge. By my/our signature below, I/we consent to the following:

- A. Release any and all medical, insurance and/or other records to third party, which are in the possession of the Town of Newington or any other party referred to herein.
- B. For the Town of Newington to acquire medical insurance, and/or other data from third parties to be added to this record, and for those third parties to release such information to the Town of Newington.

I/we authorize duly-licensed physicians, nurses and allied health professionals to provide such necessary medical care and to administer such routine diagnostic tests and procedures in the judgment of the authorized personnel as deemed necessary or advisable for the care of the individual person herein. If the information contained herein refers to an individual other than ourselves, I/we am/are their authorized legal representative and/or guardian(s) and am/are hereby authorized to submit this material and execute this release form.

### Participants with Medications / Special Needs

SIGNATURE OF PARENT/GUARDIAN 2

You must complete and submit Supplemental Forms for children with special needs and/or if medications need to be taken during Summer Playground program hours. Supplemental Forms must be submitted at the time of registration. Forms are available at the Parks & Recreation Office or online at www.newingtonct.gov.

Parent(s)/guardians(s) represent to the Summer Playground program that written in the space below is his/

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No Medical Concerns Initials	No Special Needs	
program activities without need of individual or special participants or the Summer Playground program. Part in the child's physical or mental health between the data	ized attention or medical regimen and tha ent(s)/guardian(s) agree(s) to advise the F tte of enrollment and the start of the Sumi	und physical and mental health and fully able to participate in all the child's health will not impinge or impact negatively on othe Parks & Recreation Department promptly in writing of any change mer Playground program season as well as throughout the dates at of all fees charged by the Summer Playground program.
I/we have read, understand an	d agree to the above te	rms and conditions.
SIGNATURE OF PARENT/GUARDIAN 1	PRINTED NAME	DATE

PRINTED NAME

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